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[Report No. 105–169]

Making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 17, 1998

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill, which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
- 4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
- 5 International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending
- 6 September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT
LOANS TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO BORROW
For loans to the International Monetary Fund
(Fund) under the New Arrangements to Borrow, the dol-
lar equivalent of 2,462,000,000 Special Drawing Rights,
to remain available until expended; in addition, up to the
dollar equivalent of 4,250,000,000 Special Drawing
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- 1 that the Board of Executive Directors of the Fund have
- 2 agreed by resolution that stand-by agreements or other ar-
- 3 rangements regarding the use of Fund resources shall in-
- 4 clude provisions requiring the borrower—
- 5 (1) to comply with the terms of all international 6 trade obligations and agreements of which the bor-7 rower is a signatory;
- 8 (2) to eliminate the practice or policy of govern-9 ment directed lending or provision of subsidies to fa-10 vored industries, enterprises, parties, or institutions; 11 and
- 12 (3) to guarantee non-discriminatory treatment 13 in debt resolution proceedings between domestic and 14 foreign creditors, and for debtors and other con-15 cerned persons.
- 16 (b) Subsequent to the certification provided in sub-17 section (a), in conjunction with the annual submission of 18 the President's budget, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
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- 19 report to the appropriate committees on the implementa-

tion and enforcement of the provisions in subsection (a).

- 21 Sec. 102. Transparency and Oversight.—(a)
- 22 Not leter then 20 days after exactment of this Act the
- 22 Not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the
- 23 Secretary of the Treasury shall certify to the appropriate
- 24 committees that the Board of Executive Directors of the
- 25 International Monetary Fund Board has agreed to provide

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- 1 timely access by the Comptroller General to information
- 2 and documents relating to the Fund's operations, program
- 3 and policy reviews and decisions regarding stand-by agree-
- 4 ments and other uses of the Fund's resources.
- 5 (b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, and
- 6 the U.S. Executive Director to the International Monetary
- 7 Fund shall agree to—
- 8 (1) provide any documents or information avail-
- 9 able to the Director that are requested by the Comp-
- troller General;
- 11 (2) request from the Fund any documents or
- material requested by the Comptroller General; and
- 13 (3) use all necessary means to ensure all pos-
- sible access by the Comptroller General to the staff
- and operations of the Fund for the purposes of con-
- ducting financial and program audits.
- 17 (c) The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation
- 18 with the Comptroller General and the U.S. Executive Di-
- 19 rector of the Fund, shall develop and implement a plan
- 20 to obtain timely public access to information and docu-
- 21 ments relating to the Fund's operations, programs and
- 22 policy reviews and decisions regarding stand-by agree-
- 23 ments and other uses of the Fund's resources.
- 24 (d) No later than July 1, 1998 and, not later than
- 25 March 1 of each year thereafter, the Secretary of the

- 1 Treasury shall submit a report to the appropriate commit-
- 2 tees on the status of timely publication of Letters of Intent
- 3 and Article IV consultation documents and the availability
- 4 of information referred to in (c).
- 5 Sec. 103. Advisory Commission.—(a) The Presi-
- 6 dent shall establish an International Financial Institution
- 7 Advisory Commission (hereafter "Commission").
- 8 (b) The Commission shall include at least five former
- 9 United States Secretaries of the Treasury.
- 10 (c) Within 180 days, the Commission shall report to
- 11 the appropriate committees on the future role and respon-
- 12 sibilities, if any, of the International Monetary Fund and
- 13 the merit, costs and related implications of consolidation
- 14 of the organization, management, and activities of the
- 15 International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for
- 16 Reconstruction and Development and the World Trade
- 17 Organization.
- 18 Sec. 104. Bretton Woods Conference.—Not
- 19 later than 180 days after the Commission reports to the
- 20 appropriate committees, the President shall call for a con-
- 21 ference of representatives of the governments of the mem-
- 22 ber countries of the International Monetary Fund, the
- 23 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 24 and the World Trade Organization to consider the struc-
- 25 ture, management and activities of the institutions, their

- 1 possible merger and their capacity to contribute to ex-
- 2 change rate stability and economic growth and to respond
- 3 effectively to financial crises.
- 4 Sec. 105. Reports.—(a) Following the extension of
- 5 a stand-by agreement or other uses of the resources by
- 6 the International Monetary Fund, the Secretary of the
- 7 Treasury, in consultation with the U.S. Executive Director
- 8 of the Fund, shall submit a report to the appropriate com-
- 9 mittees providing the following information—
- 10 (1) the borrower's rules and regulations dealing 11 with capitalization ratios, reserves, deposit insurance 12 system and initiatives to improve transparency of in-13 formation on the financial institutions and banks 14 which may benefit from the use of the Fund's re-
- 15 sources;

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- 16 (2) the burden shared by private sector inves-17 tors and creditors, including commercial banks in 18 the Group of Seven Nations, in the losses which 19 have prompted the use of the Fund's resources;
 - (3) the Fund's strategy, plan and timetable for completing the borrower's pay back of the Fund's resources including a date by which the borrower will be free from all international institutional debt obligation; and

1	(4) the status of efforts to upgrade the borrow-
2	er's national standards to meet the Basle Commit-
3	tee's Core Principles for Effective Banking Super-
4	vision.
5	(b) Following the extension of a stand-by agreement
6	or other use of the Fund's resources, the Secretary of the
7	Treasury shall report to the appropriate committees in
8	conjunction with the annual submission of the President's
9	budget, an account of the direct and indirect institutional
10	recipients of such resources: Provided, That this account
11	shall include the institutions or banks indirectly supported
12	by the Fund through resources made available by the bor-
13	rower's Central Bank.
14	(c) Not later than 30 days after the enactment of
15	this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the appro-
16	priate committees of Congress providing the information
17	requested in paragraphs (a) and (b) for the countries of
18	South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.
19	Sec. 106. Certifications.—(a) The Secretary of
20	the Treasury shall certify to the appropriate committees
21	that the following conditions have been met—
22	(1) No International Monetary Fund resources
23	have resulted, directly or indirectly, in support of the

Korean semiconductor, steel, automobile, or textile

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and apparel industries in any form;

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- 1 (2) Neither the Korean government, nor the 2 Fund has guaranteed or underwritten the private 3 loans of Korean semiconductor, steel, automobile, or
- 4 textile and apparel manufacturers; and
- (3) Officials from the Fund and the Depart-6 ment of the Treasury have monitored the implemen-7 tation of the Corporate Governance provisions con-8 tained in Republic of Korea's stabilization program 9 of December 4, 1997, and all of the conditions have 10 either been met, or the Korean government has com-11 mitted itself to fulfill all of these conditions accord-12 ing to an explicit timetable for completion; which 13 timetable has been provided to and approved by the 14 Fund and the Department of the Treasury.
- 15 (b) Such certifications shall be made 14 days prior 16 to the disbursement of any Fund resources to the bor-17 rower.
- 18 (c) The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the
- 19 United States Executive Director of the International
- 20 Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote of the Executive
- 21 Director to oppose disbursement of further funds if such
- 22 certification is not given.
- 23 (d) Such certifications shall continue to be made on
- 24 an annual basis as long as Fund contributions continue
- 25 to be outstanding to the borrower country.

- 1 Sec. 107. Definitions.—For the purposes of this
- 2 Act, "appropriate committees" includes the Appropria-
- 3 tions Committee, the Committee on Foreign Relations and
- 4 the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- 5 of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and
- 6 the Committee on Banking and Financial Services in the
- 7 House of Representatives.
- 8 This Act may be cited as the "1998 Supplemental
- 9 Appropriations Act for the International Monetary Fund".

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